

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An entry control system for permitting authorized users to access a controlled area by moving a barrier, comprising:
  - a close button, the close button producing a ~~coded~~ close signal ~~whenever the close button is actuated~~ by a user;
  - an entry request device for accepting a user authorization code;
  - a controller operably coupled to the entry request device and the close button and having an output,
    - such that the controller receives and authenticates the user authorization code ~~and an indication of a position of the barrier and wherein the receipt of the close signal from the close button automatically causes the controller to issue a close barrier signal at the output in order to close the barrier without the need to authenticate any user authorization code~~ determines based at least in part upon a successful authenticating of the user authorization code the indication of the position of the barrier whether a first control signal should be generated at the output, the controller also receiving the coded signal indicating an actuation of the close button and selectively generating a second control signal at the output based at least in part upon the indication of the position of the barrier.
2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 comprising a barrier operator communicatively coupled to the controller at the output, the barrier operator receiving the close barrier signal ~~first and second control signals~~.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The system of claim 1 comprising an wherein the entry request device is

a keypad.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the close button changes function after a predetermined time period.

8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 comprising a detector for detecting an RF-ID, and wherein the close barrier ~~second control~~ signal is not transmitted unless the controller detects an RF-ID.

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the close barrier ~~second control~~ signal is not transmitted unless the controller receives a biometric signature from a biometric identification system.

10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the generation of the close barrier ~~control~~ signals is delayed for a predetermined time after the actuation of the close button.

11. (Currently amended) An entry control system for permitting authorized users to access a controlled area by moving a barrier, comprising:

a close button, the close button generating a ~~coded~~ close signal whenever the close button is actuated;

an entry request device for accepting a user authorization code;

a controller operably coupled to the entry request device and the close button and having an output,

such that the controller receives and authenticates the user authorization code and wherein the receipt of a close signal from the close button automatically causes the controller to issue a

close barrier signal at the output in order to close the barrier without the need to authenticate any user authorization code and wherein the close signal received from the close button is caused by the actuation of the close button by any user ~~determines based at least in part upon a successful authenticating of the user authorization code whether a first control signal should be generated at the output, the controller also receiving the coded signal indicating an actuation of the close button and selectively generating a second control signal.~~

12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 11 comprising a barrier operator communicatively coupled to the controller at the output, the barrier operator receiving the close barrier signal ~~first and second control signals~~.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the entry request device is a keypad.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11 wherein the close button changes function after a predetermined time period.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17 wherein the close button changes to a stop button.

19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 11 comprising a detector for detecting an RF-ID, and wherein the close barrier ~~second control~~ signal is not transmitted unless the controller detects an RF-ID.

20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the close barrier ~~second control~~ signal is not transmitted unless the controller receives a biometric signature from a biometric identification system.

21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the generation of the close barrier control signals is delayed for a predetermined time after the actuation of the close button.